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For: Cloning, Sequencing, and Expression of a Gene Encoding an Eukaryotic Amino Acid Racemase, and Diagnostic, Therapeutic, and Vaccination Applications of Parasite and Viral Mitogens	) ) ) ) )
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)** 

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed copending patent application is attached. Please note that co-pending application 10/427,925 shares the same specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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